

**SUMMARY OF
PROPOSED
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS OF
THE BOARD OF ELECTRICAL
EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF
ARKANSAS**

Regulation 5. Examinations. An amendment to 5.3 would require receipt of applications five (5) business days before the meeting of the Screening Committee.

An amendment to 5.5 would provide that failure to pass any exam within 6 months results in loss of approved status. Review by the board would be required and verification of additional training on the National Electrical Code may be required. Reg. 7.9 d. currently provides for loss of approved status if exam not passed within 3 months.

Regulation 6. Qualification for Examination. An amendment to 6.2 a. would clarify the 4-year experience requirement by equating it with 8,000 hours work experience approved by the board. The amendment eliminates the requirement of experience specifically working for an electrical contractor.

6.2 c. would be amended to eliminate the option for apprentices to take the journeyman test after 3 ½ years.

6.2 d. would provide an avenue for experience as a maintenance electrician to qualify for examination and licensure as a journeyman.

6.4 e. and f. outline specific types of documentation or verification of experience that would be acceptable to the board.

6.4 a. would require a residential master applicant to have 1 year experience as a licensed residential journeyman.

Regulation 7. Licenses. Amendments to 7.5 and 7.7 would grant grandfather licensees who fail to renew the same one-year grace period other licensees possess and would require grandfather applicants to have obtained a license within one year of approval.

The language that failure to pass within 3 months results in loss of approved status would be eliminated in 7.9 d. The time limitation would now be 6 months and is included in 5.5.

7.9 g. would provide that upon employment of an electrical apprentice, an electrical contractor or master electrician shall within 30 days register the apprentice with the board, the Department of Workforce Education and the U. S. Department of Labor Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.

Regulation 8. Revocation, Suspension and Denial of Licenses. This regulation would streamline board procedures, including the elimination of a “for cause” hearing prior to a revocation or suspension hearing.

Regulation 9. Civil Monetary Penalties. This is a new regulation that outlines the information to be contained in a notice of penalty and the manner in which it is to be delivered. It provides 30 days to contest such a penalty.

The proposed regulation establishes how a penalty amount is to be determined. A fine schedule is included which is to operate as a guideline. The board maintains authority to exercise its discretion and may consider 6 enumerated items, both aggravating and mitigating, in determining size of the penalty.

The regulation outlines the procedures for contesting a penalty and provides that failure to pay may result in revocation or suspension of a license. The board retains authority to revoke or suspend a license for cause.

Regulation 11. Non-licensed electricians. This regulation would be amended to provide that no person licensed by the board shall employ unlicensed persons or unregistered apprentices to perform electrical work.

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